



# **Mid America's Green Infrastructure: Bringing the Region Together**

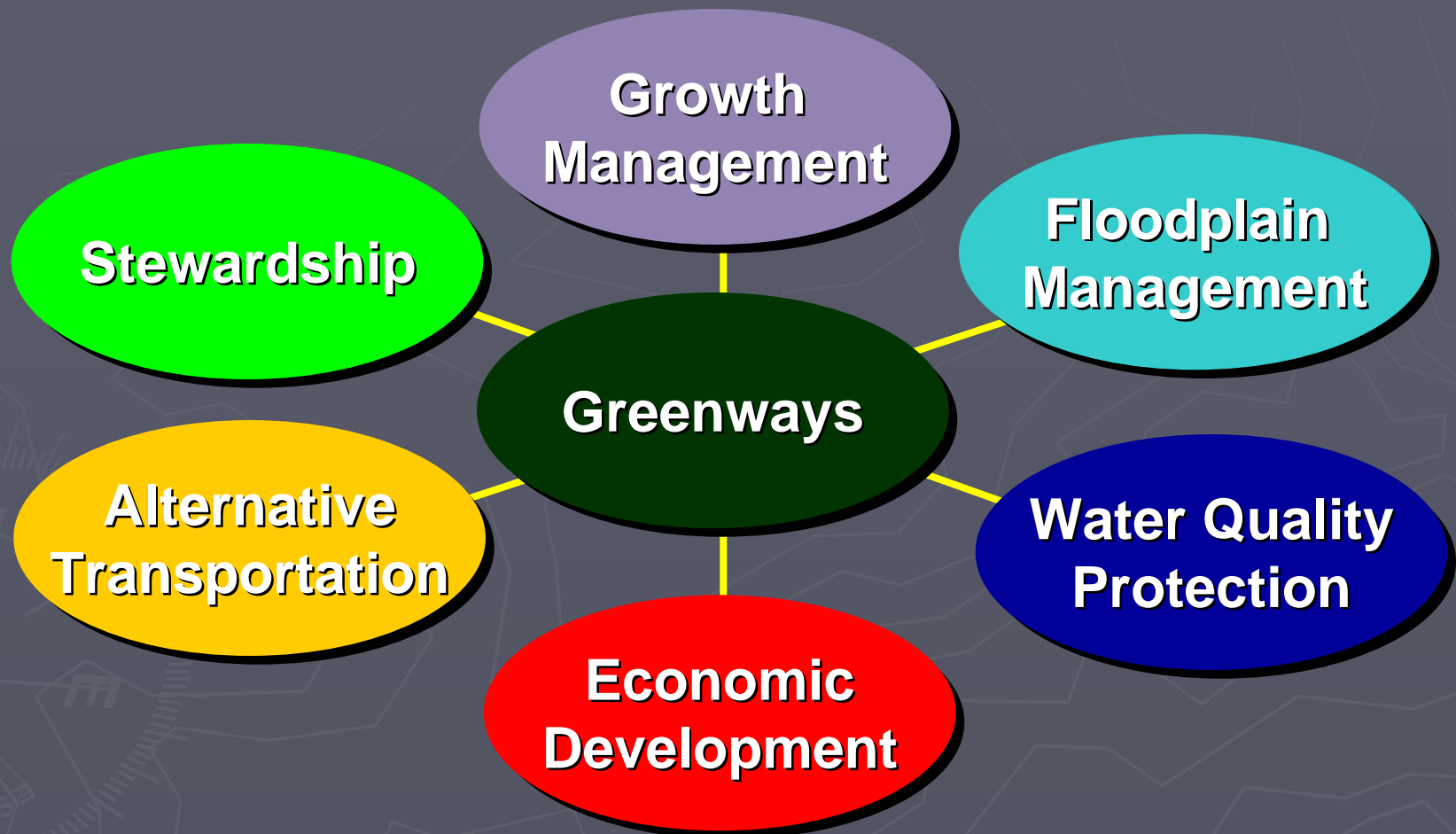
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# Models for Success

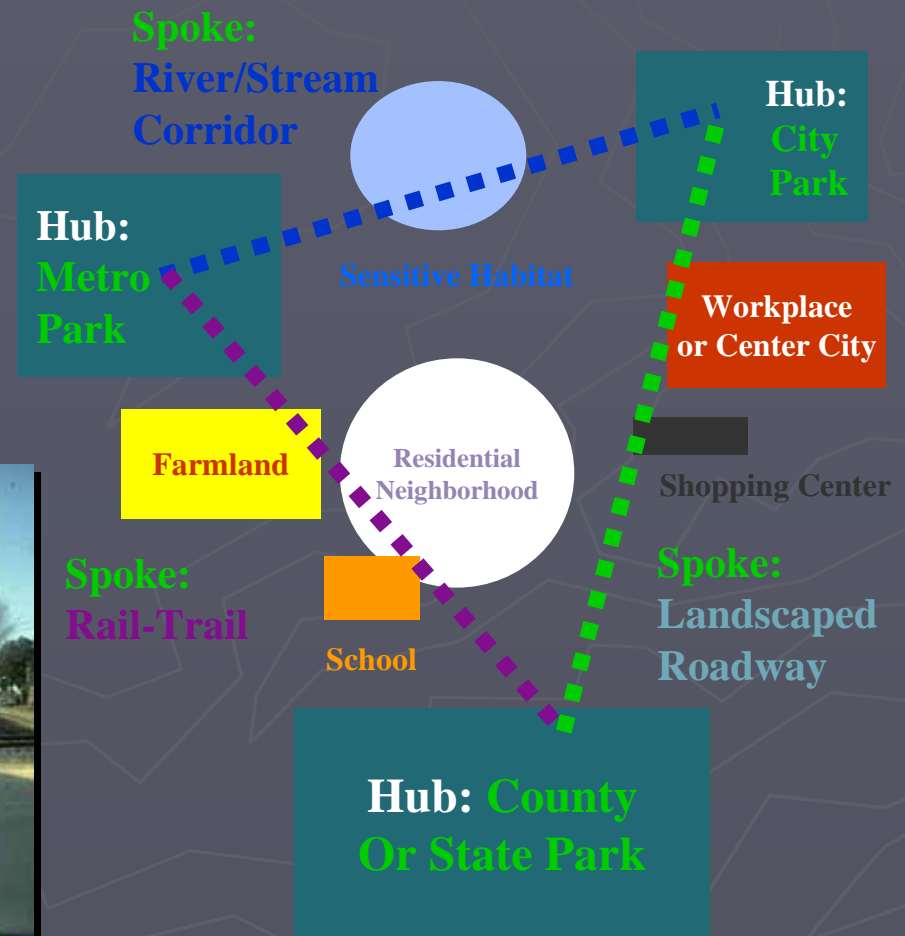
- ▶ **Statewide Greenway Planning**
  - Maryland
  - Florida
  - Pennsylvania
- ▶ **Multi-State and Regional Greenway Planning**
  - Kansas City MetroGreen
  - New England Greenways Plan

# Multi-Objective Greenways



# Conceptual Framework

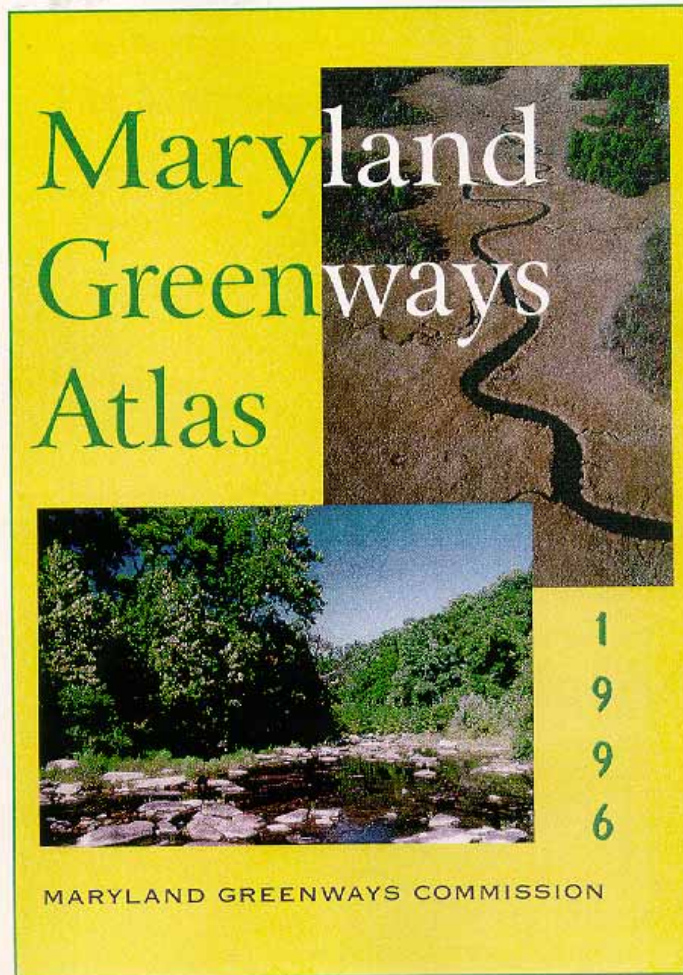
- The popular national model of “Hubs and Spokes”



# State Greenway Initiatives

- ▶ **Maryland**
- ▶ **Florida**
- ▶ **North Carolina**
- ▶ **Delaware**
- ▶ **Ohio**
- ▶ **Tennessee**
- ▶ **Iowa**
- ▶ **Vermont**
- ▶ **Colorado**
- ▶ **Georgia**
- ▶ **Virginia**
- ▶ **Washington**
- ▶ **Rhode Island**
- ▶ **Michigan (SE)**

# Maryland Greenway Program



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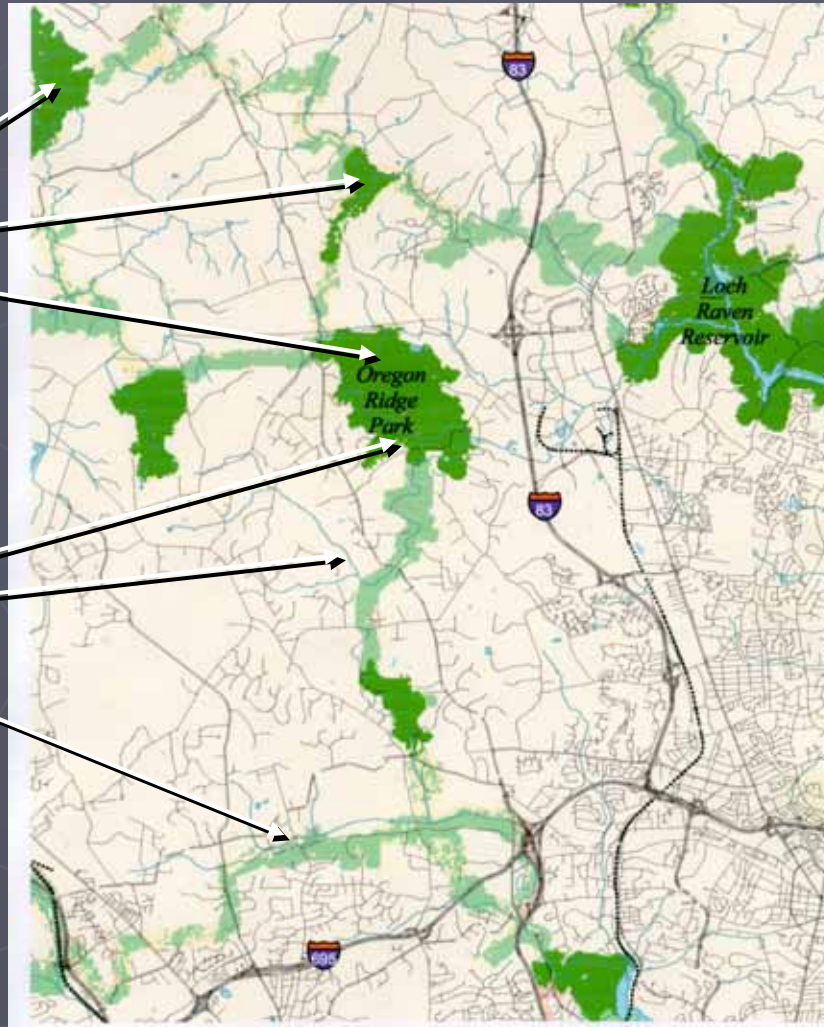
Maryland's Green Infrastructure Land Network is located on public and private lands throughout the state.

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Hubs

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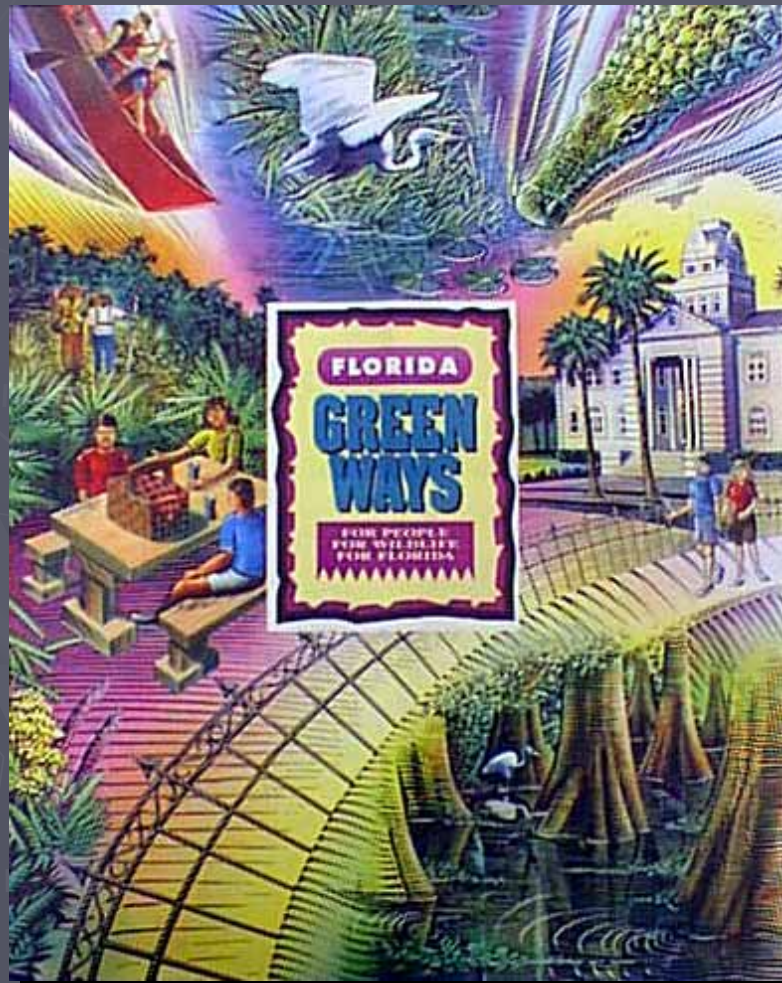
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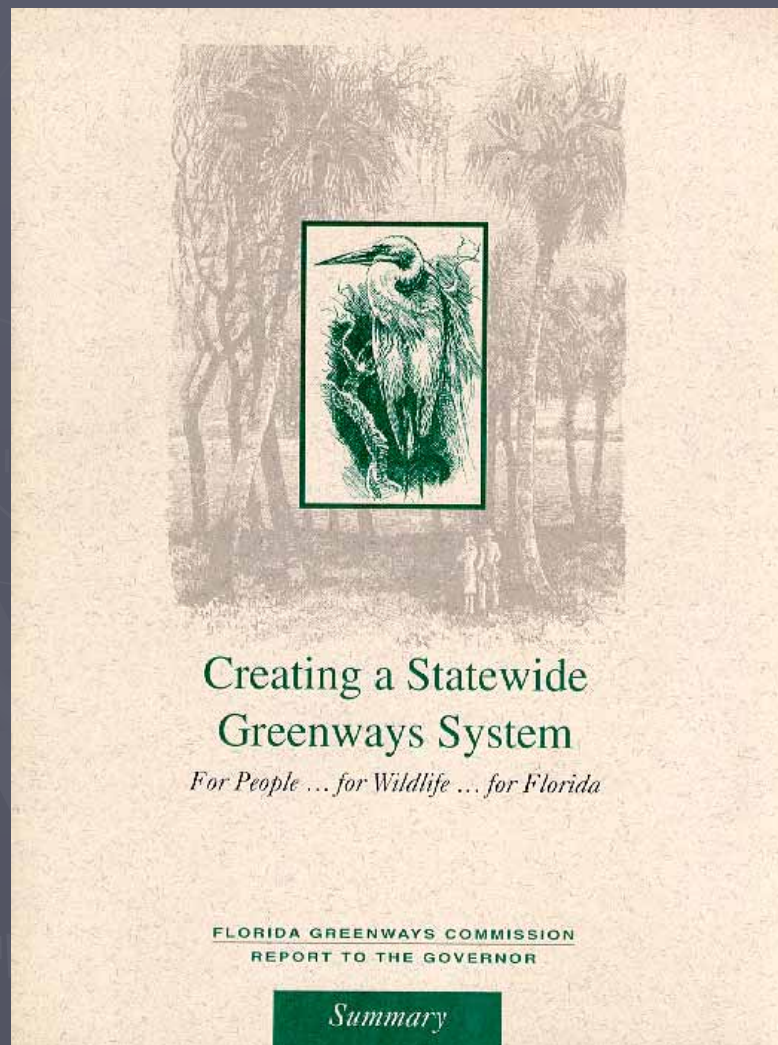
# Maryland Greenway Program

- ▶ **Oldest State Greenway Program**
- ▶ **21-member Commission - advises DNR**
- ▶ **3 person staff**
- ▶ **Annual budget \$200,000**
- ▶ **Projects include updating Atlas and assisting with community based projects**

# Florida Office of Greenways and Trails



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# **Florida Office of Greenways and Trails**

- ▶ **21 Member Council - advises Office**
- ▶ **42 employees - 20 full time**
- ▶ **Offices in 7 regions of state**
- ▶ **FY 2000-2001 Budget - \$16 million**
- ▶ **Matching grant program for local communities \$4.5 million**

# Pennsylvania Greenways

## *An Action Plan for Creating Connections*



Pennsylvania Greenways  
Partnership Commission

Greenways Partnership  
Advisory Committee

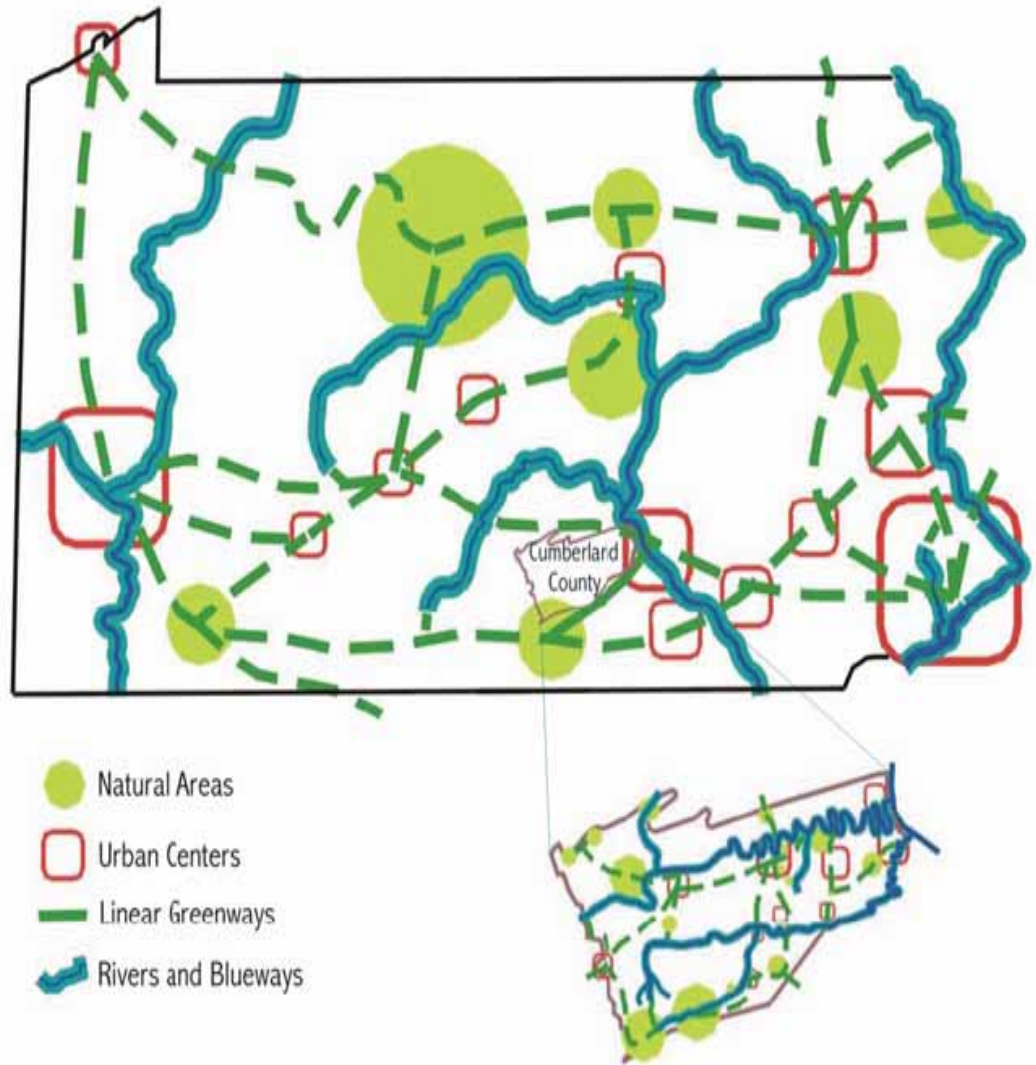
# Pennsylvania Greenways Goals

1. Plan and Build Greenway Connections
2. Provide Greenways Funding
3. Create a Greenways Organizational Framework
4. Provide Technical Assistance and Outreach



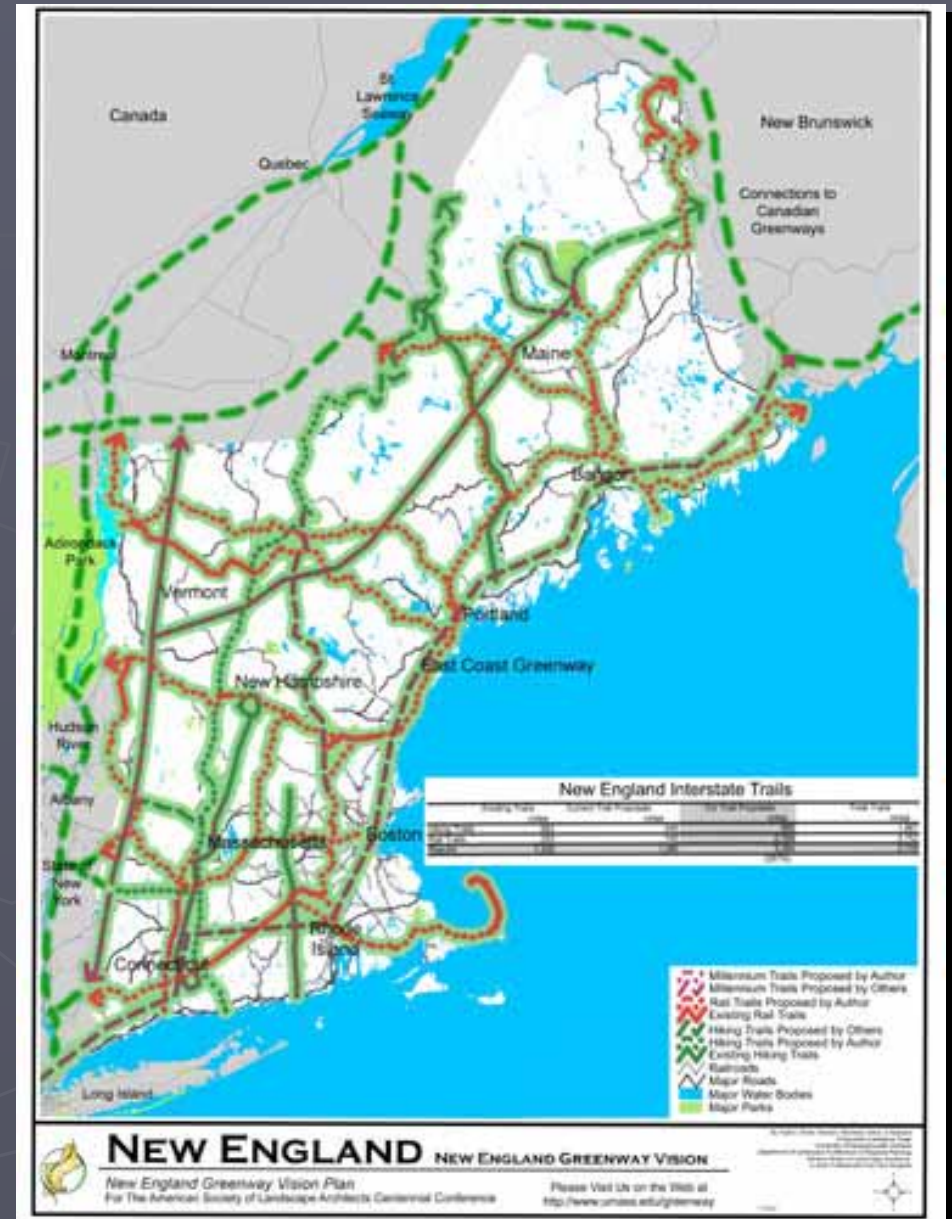
# Hub & Spoke Network Concept

From the building blocks of County and Regional Greenway Plans, a statewide network will emerge



# New England Multi-State Greenway Plan

A proposed 5,700 mile of interconnected greenways throughout 6 Northeastern States



# MetroGreen Action Plan

- ▶ **Missouri and Kansas**
- ▶ **Kansas City Metro Region**
- ▶ **7 counties, 22 municipalities**



# **Lessons Learned from other State & Multi-State Programs**

- ▶ **Big Vision Needed**
- ▶ **Ecological and Ecotourism Focus**
- ▶ **Connectivity - Hubs and Spokes**
- ▶ **Commitment to Funding**
- ▶ **Professional Staff**
- ▶ **Leadership at Highest Levels of State Government**
- ▶ **Partnerships with local governments and private sector**

# Key Issues for Consideration

- ▶ How can we accomplish multi-state greenway planning in Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Ohio and Michigan ?
- ▶ What are the key opportunities?
- ▶ What are the key constraints?
- ▶ How do we get started?

# Multi-State Greenway Planning

- This conference represents a beginning.
- A commitment to work together, share resources and information.
- Understanding each States inherent strengths and weaknesses.
- Must have key individuals from each State committed, funded, willing and able to invest in multi-state approach.

# Key Opportunities

- ▶ **Awareness of the value of Greenways.**
- ▶ **Natural resources, such as rivers and ridgelines, are the Green Infrastructure that form the basis for a multi-state greenway system.**
- ▶ **Tourism and economic development becomes the focus of an interconnected multi-state greenway strategy.**

# Key Constraints

- ▶ Differing governance and operating structures within each state.
- ▶ Varying priorities and needs.
- ▶ Fiscal constraints.
- ▶ A unified vision and leadership from all participating states.
- ▶ Lack of commitment to multi-state greenway strategy.

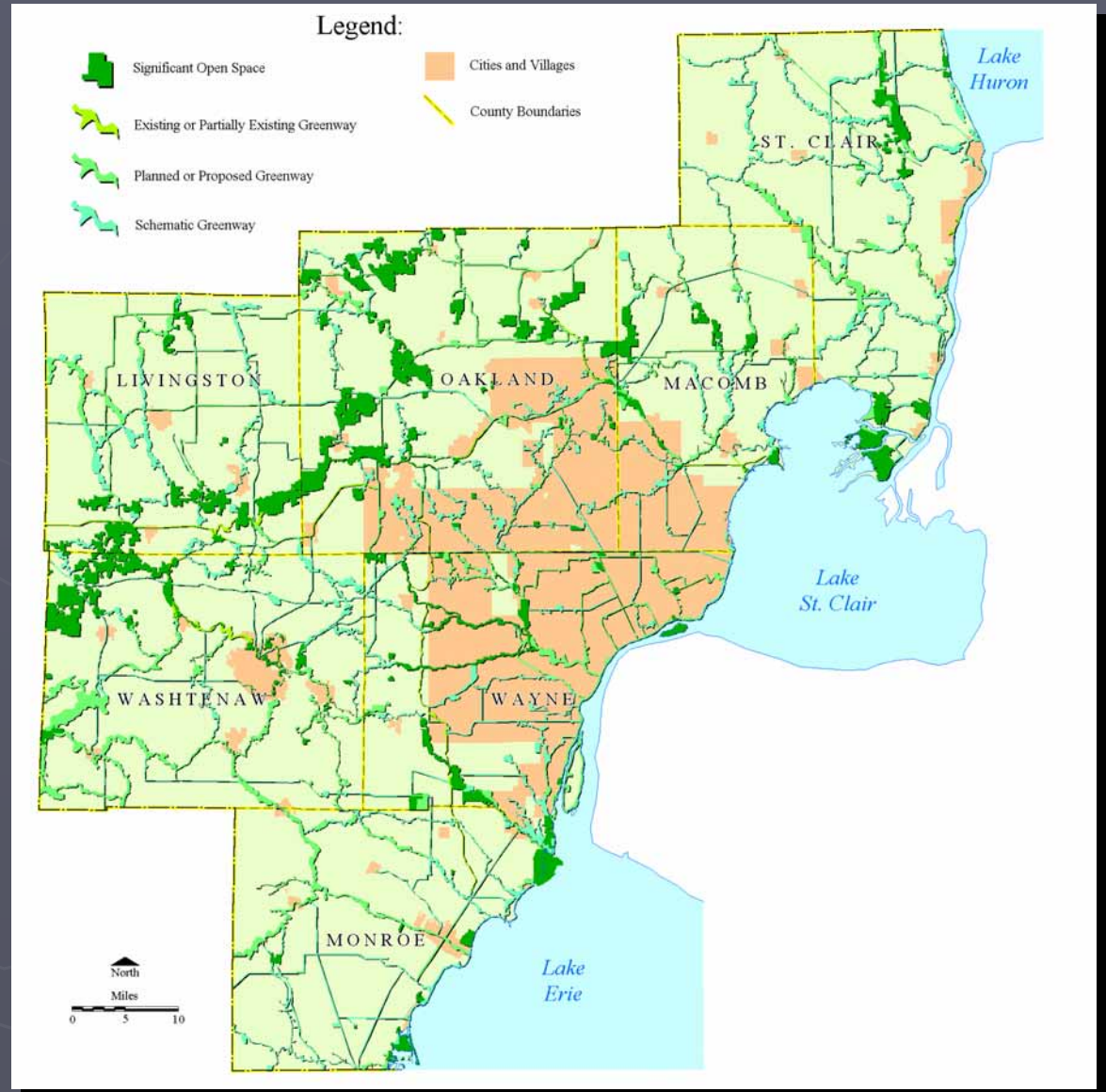
# Getting Started

- ▶ **Form a coalition of individuals from each state that are interested in achieving the multi-state greenway vision.**
- ▶ **Establish a meeting structure for working sessions.**
- ▶ **Define a work program that produces measurable results.**
- ▶ **Define a realistic timeframe and budget for achieving results.**

# Ohio Greenways State Plan



# Southeast Michigan Greenways



# Questions/Comments

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